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Via Hand Delivery

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554 ACCEPTED/FILED

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Federal Communications Commission

Office of the Secretary

Re: WC Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket No. 11-42

2014 ETC Annual Report of Citizens Telephone, Inc. (GA)

Study Area Code 220355

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Citizens Telephone, Inc. (GA) ("Citizens"), JSI files the attached confidential and redacted versions of the FCC Form 481 ETC annual reporting information pursuant to sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules. Citizens seeks confidential treatment under Protective Order for section 54.313(f)(2) financial information. The redacted version is also being filed this date via the FCC's Electronic Comment Filing System. In addition, attached is a letter requesting confidential treatment under Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the initial section 54.202(a) Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan.

Please direct any questions regarding the filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President

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cc: Charles Tyler, Telecommunications Access Policy Division (two copies, confidential),

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³ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459, 54.202(a).

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^{1 47} C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

² Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket No. 10-90 et al., Protective Order, DA 12-1857 rel. Nov. 16, 2012 (Protective Order). 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(f)(2).



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Study Area Code 220355 Request for Confidentiality

Dear Ms. Dortch:

John Staurulakis, Inc. ("JSI"), on behalf of its client Citizens Telephone Company, Inc. (GA) (the "Company") hereby requests, pursuant to Sections 0.457 and 0.459 of the Commission's rules, withholding from public inspection certain information contained in an attachment to the above referenced reporting requirement. The Company provides the following in support of its request, numbered consistent with the subparagraphs of Section 0.459(b).²

- The information for which the Company is seeking confidential treatment is an attachment to the Company's annual reporting information pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.422 of the Commission's rules ("Report").³
- Rate-of-Return Eligible Telecommunications Carriers ("ETCs") must file with the Commission an initial section 54.202(a) Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan ("Five-Year Plan") which is contained in the attachment to the 2014 Report.⁴
- 3. The information contained in attachment for which the Company seeks the withholding from public inspection is the entirety of data pertaining to the Company's Five-Year Plan provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment. Information of this nature is confidential commercial information routinely withheld from public inspection.

^{1 47} C.F.R. §§ 0.457, 0.459.

² 47 C.F.R. § 0.459(b)(1) through (9).

^{3 47} C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.422.

⁴ See In the Matter of Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, Order DA 14-591 (rel. May 1, 2014).

4. With respect to identifying the degree to which the subject attachment concerns a service that is subject to competition, the information is of a financial and competitive nature regarding the provision of telecommunications services. The Line 112 attachment contains competitively sensitive information related to proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance the Company's network.

In its March 5, 2013 Order, the FCC. The FCC specified that for rate-of-return carriers, the five-year plans "should describe the carrier's network improvement plan, which should provide greater visibility into current plans to extend broadband service to unserved locations in rate-of-return service territories." Accordingly, because the Company is a rate-of-return carrier, it must file a five-year service improvement plan which contains proprietary, competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network including the specific locations of customers as well as describe proposed improvements or upgrades and maintenance of its network throughout its service area. Specifically, this information sets forth services provided by the Company over its existing network including specific locations of customers as well as planned network improvement and maintenance for the years 2015 through 2019 including project start and completion dates. population that will be impacted by the improvements and upgrades at the wire center level and projected capital costs associated with the improvements and upgrades and operating costs associated with maintaining the network including depreciation for investments that have already been made. As such, this information contains competitively sensitive information related to the Company's existing network as well as detailed plans at the wire center level for network upgrades and maintenance projected for the years 2015 through 2019.

- With respect to identifying possible exposure to competitive harm, the information contained in the Line 112 attachment is information that is not customarily released to the public. This information is proprietary to the Company, is unique to the Company's serving territory and is only known to the Company and its authorized agents. If the Information is not protected, it would have economic value to potential competitors who would be able to target their marketing to specific customers. In a competitive telecommunications marketplace, this type of information is highly sensitive. If publicly disclosed, it would enable competitors to craft business plans that capitalize on their knowledge of the locations of the Company's customers which would place the Company at a competitive disadvantage.
- 6. With respect to steps the Company has taken to ensure against unauthorized disclosure of the information contained in the attachment, the Company is filing the attachment under seal. The Company uses the information contained in the Five-Year Plan to ensure that its customers continue to receive state-of-the-art high quality telecommunications and broadband services that the Company has

⁵ See Connect America Fund et al., WC Docket 10-90 et al., Order, DA 13-332 (rel. Mar. 5, 2013) ("March 5, 2013 Order") at para 9 citing Section 54.202(a) (1) (ii).

been providing to them for many years as well as to satisfy mandatory reporting requirements and does not share the information for which protection is sought. The Company protects the secrecy of this information with a security protocol that ensures the information is not inadvertently disclosed or disseminated. Only directors, managers and employees with a direct need to know are authorized to access the information.

- 7. Any previous versions of this information are not publicly available.
- 8. Because the information is not routinely available, a need exists for maintaining the confidentiality of this information permanently.
- Not applicable.

Based on the preceding, JSI respectfully requests on behalf of the Company that the Commission grant confidential treatment under Section 0.459 to Company's Five-Year Plan provided at FCC Form 481 Line 112 attachment.

Please contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

John Kuykendall JSI Vice President

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FCC For	m 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting REDAC Data Collection Form	OTED FOR PUBLIC IN	SPECTION '	FCC Form 481 DANB Control No. 306 July 2013	0-0926/OMS Control No. 3060-0839
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<039>	Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	cdl077@citizensdsl.c	com		or tile Secretary
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	2298744145 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	cdl077@citizensdsl.com
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) O
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes/no) O O
<112>	If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service. Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your of CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.	ompany is a
	Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached documents(s), on li 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to § 54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.	Name of Attached Document
<113>	Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets	
<114>	Report how much universal service (USF) support was received	
<115>	How (USF) was used to improve service quality	
<116>	How (USF)was used to improve service coverage	
<117>	How (USF) was used to improve service capacity	
<118>	Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.	

(200) Service Outage Reporting (Voice)		FCC Form 481
Data Collection Form	MANAGE SECTION	OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
		July 2013

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<810>	Reporting Carrier	Citizens Telephone Company		
<811>	Holding Company			
<812>	Operating Company	Citizens Telephone Company		

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<910>	Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves				
<920>	Tribal Government Engagement Obligation		Name of Attache	ed Document	
to confin	company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes,No, NA) for each these boxes rm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, trates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to 8(a)(9) includes:	Sele (Yes,I	No,		
<921>	Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.	M			
<922> <923>	Feasibility and sustainability planning; Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;	-			
<924>	Compliance with Rights of way processes				
<925>	Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements				
<926>	Compliance with Facilities Siting rules				
<927>	Compliance with Environmental Review processes				
<928>	Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes				
<929>	Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.				

COMPANY NEWSFIRM	o Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting lection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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<1120>	Please check this box to confirm no terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)	
<1130>	Please check this box to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(G)	

(1200) Te	rms and Condition for Lifeline Customers		FCC Form 481
Lifeline			OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819
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	bsite listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to	10,	
	(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must		
annually r	eport.		
<1221>	Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice	1	
	telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers,		
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12227	Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan,		
<1223>	Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan.	\checkmark	
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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	cd1077@citizensdsl.com		
CHECK th	e boxes below to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect Ameri	ca Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, Hig	th Cost support to offset access charge reductions, ar	nd Connect America Phase II
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	Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting			
<2010>	2nd Year Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1))			
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<2017>	3rd year Broadband Service Certification 5th year Broadband Service Certification			
<2019>	Interim Progress Certification			
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<2020>	Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on I pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support	ine 2021, contains the required information		
	addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing		-	
	preceding calendar year.			
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CHECK to		nt to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 ne information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.
(3010)	Progress Report on S Year Plan Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))	
		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3011)	Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line \$ \frac{5}{2} \frac{54.313}{3} (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addreproviding access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.	
(3012)	Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(ii))	
(3013) (3014)	Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier {47 CFR § 54.313{f}(2)} If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information (Yes/No) (Yes/No)
Please	check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 301	 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:
(3015)	Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers)	
(3016)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Ca	sh Flows
(3017)	If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation	
		Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information
(3018)	If the response is no on line 3014, Is your company audited?	(Yes/No)
	If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains	
(3019)	Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a fi	ormat comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications
(3020)	Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of C	ash Flows
(3021)	Management letter issued by the independent certified public accountant that	performed the company's financial audit.
local	If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:	
(3022)	Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications	
(3023)	Borrowers, Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified	
(2023)	public accountant	
(3024) (3025)	Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Co	ash Flows 220355ga3026.pdf
(3026)	Attach the worksheet listing required information	Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

2005CHUMBIATHER	tion - Reporting Carrier lection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0985/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to t	ne Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my respondents; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information	nsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.
Name of Reporting Carrier:	
Signature of Authorized Officer:	Date
Printed name of Authorized Officer:	
Title or position of Authorized Officer:	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer:	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier:	Filing Due Date for this form:
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can	e punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

I certify that (Name of Agent) <u>Stuart Ledger</u> also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my respondant, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data p	Is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier insibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized ovided to the authorized agent is accurate.
Name of Authorized Agent: Stuart Ledger	
Name of Reporting Carrier: CITIZENS TEL CO - GA	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/26/2014
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Stuart Ledger	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: General Manager	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 2298744145 ext.282	
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Rep	orts for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier
i, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of	요 이 교통 하는데 이 경기를 하는 것이 하는 것이다. 그 요즘 하는 사람들은 보다면 하는데
Name of Reporting Carrier: CITIZENS TEL CO - GA	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: John Staurulakis, Inc.	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date: 06/26/2014
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: Bob Ragsdale	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent Manager - Regulatory Aff	airs
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Attachments

CITIZENS TELEPHONE COMPANY (SAC 220355)

ATTACHMENT - LINE 112

FIVE YEAR SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY

The Citizens Telephone Company's demonstration of complying with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules for voice and broadband services:

In establishing this certification in its 2005 ETC Order,¹ the FCC found that an ETC must make "a specific commitment to objective measures to protect consumers." ²

The Commission found that for wireless ETCs, compliance with CTIA's Consumer Code for Wireless Service would satisfy this requirement" and that the sufficiency of other commitments would be considered on a case-by-case basis. ³ In this context, the FCC stated, "to the extent a wireline or wireless ETC applicant is subject to consumer protection obligations under state law, compliance with such laws may meet our requirement." ⁴

Citizens Telephone Company, Inc. ("Citizens") hereby certifies that it is in compliance with applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules. Citizens is subject to consumer protection obligations under Georgia state law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) filing a Local Exchange Tariff pursuant to the requirements of the Rules of the Georgia Public Service Commission which discloses rates, and terms and conditions of service to customers (Chapter 515-12-1-.02(5)(a) and .04(5) of the Rules of the Georgia Public Service

¹ Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, FCC 05-46 (rel. Mar. 17, 2005) ("2005 ETC Order").

² Id. at para. 28.

³ Id. The FCC noted that under the CTIA Consumer Code, wireless carriers agree to: "(1) disclose rates and terms of service to customers; (2) make available maps showing where service is generally available; (3) provide contract terms to customers and confirm changes in service; (4) allow a trial period for new service; (5) provide specific disclosures in advertising; (6) separately identify carrier charges from taxes on billing statements; (7) provide customers the right to terminate service for changes to contract terms; (8) provide ready access to customer service; (9) promptly respond to consumer inquiries and complaints received from government agencies; and (10) abide by policies for protection of consumer privacy." Id. at n. 71.

Commission); (2) adherence to state consumer protection requirements governing telephone providers which require Service Standards (Chapter 515-12-1-.17 and .18 of the Rules of the Georgia Public Service Commission); Customer Billing (Chapter 515-12-1-.04(4) of the Rules of the Georgia Public Service Commission; and Customer Complaints (Chapter 515-12-1-.08 of the Rules of the Georgia Public Service Commission); (3) truth-in-billing requirements (Chapter 515-12-1-.04(4) of the Rules of the Georgia Public Service Commission); and (4) CPNI, Red Flag Rules and other applicable federal and state requirements governing the protection of customers' privacy.

The Company is subject to consumer protection obligations for broadband services under federal law. These obligations include, but are not limited to, the following: public disclosure of accurate information regarding network management practices, performance, and commercial terms of broadband internet access services; as a means of providing sufficient information for consumers to make informed choices regarding use of such services, and for content, application, service and device providers to develop, market, and maintain internet offerings as specified in F.C.C. 47 C.F.R. Part 8 §8.3.

The Citizens Telephone Company's demonstration of ability to function in emergency situations for voice and broadband services:

Citizens Telephone Company, Inc. ("Citizens") hereby certifies that it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in 47 C.F.R. §54.202(a)(2)¹ and Chapter 515-12-1-.11(4) of the Rules of the Georgia Public Service Commission. Citizens' network is designed to remain functional in emergency situations without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations as required by 47 C.F.R. §54.202(a)(2) and Chapter 515-12-1-.11(4) of the Rules of the Georgia Public Service Commission. Citizens can change call routing translations as needed to reroute traffic around damaged facilities. Changing call routing translations will also allow Citizens to manage traffic spikes throughout its network, as emergency situations require. In addition, the Company has redundancy for connectivity purposes via additional routes and electronic equipment for both voice and broadband services.

Specifically, each central office building is supplied with standby generators and battery back-up that enable the central office to keep running until power is restored so long as fuel is available, or until system changes are made to reroute traffic. Citizens has battery backup at all office locations and in its electronic equipment sites. Length of run time is determined by the equipment serving the area and the number of customers working out of the equipment.

The company's standby generators and battery back-up support both voice and broadband network equipment should an emergency situation occur.

Section 54.202(a)(2) requires ETCs that are designated by the Commission to "demonstrate its ability to remain functional in emergency situations, including a demonstration that it has a reasonable amount of back-up power to ensure functionality without an external power source, is able to reroute traffic around damaged facilities, and is capable of managing traffic spikes resulting from emergency situations."

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State	Exchange (ILEC)	SAC (CETC)	Rate Type	Residential Local Service Rate	State Subscriber Line Charge	State Universal Service Fee	Mandatory Extended Area Service Charge	Total per line Rates and Fee
GA	Leslie		FR	19.54	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.54
GA	Plains		FR	19.54	0.0	0.0	0.0	19.54
GA	Lake Blackshear		FR	20.13	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.13
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State	Exchange (ILEC)	Residential Rate	State Regulated Fees	Total Rates and Fees	Broadband Service - Download Speed (Mbps)	Broadband Service -Upload Speed (Mbps)	Usage Allowance (GB)	Usage Allowance Action Taken When Limit Reached (select)
GA	ALL	41.95	0.0	41.95	1.5	0.0	0.0	Other, No Usage Limit, .256 Uplo
GA	ALL	48.95	0.0	48.95	2.0	0.0	0.0	Other, No Usage Limit, .256 Uplo Speed
GA	ALL	69.95	0.0	69.95	3.0	0.0	0.0	Other, No Usage Limit, .256 Uplo Speed
GA	A11	89.95	0.0	89.95	5.0	0.0	0.0	Other, No Usage Limit, .550 Uplo Speed
GA	ALL	41.95	0.0	41.95	10.0	1.0	0.0	Other, No Usage Limit
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GENERAL SUNSCRIBER SERVICES TARIFF

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C.2 Local Monthly Exchange Service Rates (Continued)

As noted above for the respective exchanges the following Monthly rates apply:

Leslie and Plains

	Business	Residenc	e	
Rate Components	One Party	One Party	Four (Flat) Party	
Network Access Charge (Tel-Touch Dial)	\$24.50	\$19.54 (I)	N/A	
Lake B	ackshear and Vienna			
	Business	Residence		
Rate Components	One Party	One Party	Four (Flat) Party	
Network Access Charge	\$33.45	\$20.13	\$19.54 (I)	

Optional Rate Plans for Vienna and Lake Blackshear:

The rates listed below are available only to active Vienna and Lake Blackshear customers of record December 6, 1996, and who make proper written notification to the company on or before January 6, 1997, and who agree to return to traditional long distance toll rates from their lines to the Cordele exchange.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

C.2 Local Monthly Exchange Service Rates (Continued)

c. (Continued) Lines subscribed to the rates in C.2.c are NOT transferable to any other customer. All residential and one party business lines at any location must elect the same rate plane. Customers who subscribe to the rates in this section (C.2.c) may at any time switch back to the rates and calling area described in C.2.b; however, any customer who switches from the rates in C.2.c will NOT be allowed to return to the rates in C.2.c. all long distance calls to the Cordele exchange under C.2.c shall be jointly provided by BellSouth and Citizens Telephone Company under the terms and conditions of BellSouth's toll tariff and Citizens access tariff. Toll calls to the Cordele exchange under this section are exempt from Intralata presubscription pursuant to agreement between and Citizens and Bellsouth.

Rates applicable under Section C.2.c only:

Lake Blackshear and Vienna

	Business	Residence		
Rate Components	One Party	One Party	Four (Flat) Party	
Network Access Charge	\$24.65	\$19.54 (I)	\$19.54 (I)	

d. Maps which indicate and define the exchange and base rate area limits of the respective exchanges are filed with the Georgia Public Service Commission as part of the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity granted by the Georgia Public Service Commission and are made a part hereof by reference.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A. LOW-INCOME PROGRAM

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The Company, as part of its obligations as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier, offers a low-income assistance program. This program, Lifeline Assistance, is offered under the terms and conditions provided below:

Lifeline Assistance

a. General

Lifeline Assistance is a non-transferable retail service offering for which qualifying low-income subscribers pay reduced charges, as provided for below. Lifeline Assistance enables eligible subscribers to pay reduced charges for voice telephony service that includes the following services: voice-grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; local usage; access to emergency services; and toll limitation.

Regulations

Subscribers are eligible for Lifeline Assistance if:

- The subscriber's household income is at or below 135 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, or
- The subscriber, or one or more of the subscriber's dependents or the subscriber's household, receives benefits from at least one of the following qualifying programs:

Medicaid:

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps;

Supplemental Security Income (SSI);

Federal Public Housing Assistance;

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);

National School Lunch Program's free lunch program;

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF);

Low Income Senior Citizens discount plan offered by a local gas or power company

 Other eligibility requirements may be established by the Commission.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A. <u>LOW-INCOME PROGRAM</u> (Cont'd)

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- Lifeline Assistance (Cont'd)
 - b. Regulations (Cont'd)
 - Each subscriber to Lifeline Assistance must certify in writing to the Company, under penalty of perjury, that s/he receives benefits under a program outlined in sub-paragraphs (B)(1) through (B)(3), above, and must, on that same document, agree to notify the Company if s/he ceases to participate in the program(s). The certification form shall conform to the requirements described herein, and shall be made available upon request to any subscriber. The Company shall retain all such subscriber certifications in order to furnish proof of subscriber eligibility as may be required from time to time by Universal Service administrators.
 - A subscriber may elect at the time of subscription to Lifeline Assistance to receive toll limitation as part of Lifeline Assistance. "Toll limitation" is a service that allows a subscriber to elect not to allow the completion of outgoing toll calls from the subscriber's residence.
 - 6) Lifeline Assistance will not be disconnected for non-payment of toll charges, unless the Company first demonstrates to the Commission that the Company would incur substantial costs, that the Company offers toll limitation without charge, and that telephone subscribership among low-income subscribers in the Company's service area is greater than or equal to the national subscribership rate for low-income consumers. For purposes of this paragraph, a "low-income consumer" is one with an income below the poverty level for a family of four residing in Georgia. The Company shall follow all applicable notice provisions as established, from time to time, by the Commission, as part of the waiver process, and to implement a waiver, if granted. The Company may reapply for the waiver as necessary.
 - The Company may not collect a service deposit in order to initiate Lifeline Assistance if the qualifying low-income subscriber voluntarily elects toll blocking from the Company, where available or if the qualifying low-income subscriber elects a calling plan that does not distinguish between toll and non-toll calls in its pricing. If toll blocking is unavailable, then the Company may charge a service deposit.

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LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

A. LOW-INCOME PROGRAM (Cont'd)

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- 1. Lifeline Assistance (Cont'd)
 - c. Effective August 1, 2012, the Lifeline credit available to an eligible customer in Georgia is equal to the total of federal support as established by the Federal Communications Commission. The amount of credit will not exceed the charge for local service, which includes the access line, the Subscriber Line Charge and local usage.
 - d. The Company shall apply the baseline payments received by the administrator of the federal Lifeline Assistance program to waive the qualifying customer's federal Subscriber Line Charge. The Company shall apply any additional federal support amount to the qualifying customer's basic local exchange service rate.
 - e. To be eligible for Lifeline Assistance, qualifying customers must subscribe to a flat-rate basic local exchange service offering that is made available in the Company's service area.
 - Partial payments that are received from Lifeline customers shall first be applied to local service charges and then to any outstanding toll charges.
- All aspects of the Lifeline Assistance program shall be subject to the interpretation of applicable Federal regulations and any directives which may from time to time be prescribed by the Universal Service Administrative Company. These rules are separate and apart from any rules prescribed as part of a state Universal Service program.

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ATTACHMENT - LINE 3026 ATTACHMENT REDACTED IN ENTIRETY